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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Mail Stop PCT February 8, 2006

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.